

JOB CREATION & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Gov. Ritter and lawmakers focused the 2010 legislation session on economic development, workforce development and supporting Colorado's small businesses. They established job-training programs for clean-energy, health care and other sectors, prioritized the state's film and creative industries, and modernized the state's largest economic development program.

- **House Bill 10-1333, Green Jobs Colorado Program (Vigil/Schwartz & Newell).** Provides grants to community colleges, vocational schools and other training providers to develop clean-energy job training programs.
- **Senate Bill 10-028, Colorado Work Share Program (Heath/Pace).** Creates the voluntary "Colorado Work Share Program," which allows employers to reduce workers' hours instead of laying off employees. Workers with reduced hours could then receive work-share or partial unemployment benefits.
- **SB 10-158, Creative Industries Division (Newell/Rice).** Merges several state agencies to create a new Colorado Creative Industries Division within the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Allows the office to leverage resources to build and expand the creative industries sector in Colorado, which is composed of over 122,000 jobs throughout the state.
- **HB10-1180, Incentive For Colorado Film (Massey/Gibbs & Spence).** Changes restrictions for Colorado's Film Incentive Program to make incentives more accessible to generate film, television and commercial activity in Colorado.
- **SB10 – 162 Enterprise Zone Modernization (Heath/Hullinghorst & May).** Modernizes the accountability of the Enterprise Zone Program by creating pre-certification for businesses, updating the boundary limitation requirements, removing obsolete tracking mechanisms and moving towards electronic filing.